

Remarks & Arguments

In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that Claims 1-17 and 20-25 are pending in the application, and that Claims 1-9, 11-17 and 20-25 are rejected. By this amendment, independent Claims 1, 17 and 21 have been amended and previously withdrawn Claim 8 has been canceled. The amendments to the claims do not add new matter to the application. The Examiner's rejections are traversed below.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 1-7, 9, 11-17 and 20-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being obvious in view of the combination of U.S. Patent No. 6,226,758 to Gaalaas, U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0071132 to Sundqvist and U.S. Patent No. 6,005,901 to Linz.

With regard to **Claim 11-16**, Applicant notes that independent Claim 10, from which Claims 11-16 depend, is allowable. Accordingly, Claims 11-16 are allowable by virtue of their dependency on respective base Claim 10, as well as the additional elements they recite. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the obviousness rejection of Claims 11-16 be withdrawn and that Claims 11-16 be allowed.

In addition, Applicant has amendment independent **Claims 1, 17 and 21** to include substantially the same limitation that the Examiner has indicated renders independent Claim 10

allowable. In particular, Claims 1, 17 and 21 as amended recite using unique identifies for each clock source to determine whether two clocks are the same or not and configure the associated audio processing modules based on the identifies. Accordingly, independent Claims 1, 17 and 21 are patentable over Gaalaas and Sundqvist in view of Linz. In addition, **Claims 2-7, 9, 20, and 22-25** are allowable by virtue of their dependency on respective base Claims 1, 17 and 21, as well as the additional elements they recite. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the obviousness rejection of Claims 1-7, 9, 17 and 20-25 be withdrawn and that Claims 1-7, 9, 17 and 20-26 be allowed.

Conclusion

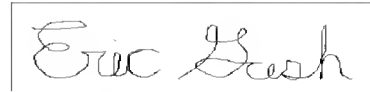
For all the reasons advanced above, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance and that action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 504160. In the event that an extension of time is required, or may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to

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charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account 504160.

Respectfully submitted,
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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Eric Gash", enclosed within a rectangular box.

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